

## We're Looking for:

Cat's Meow buildings of the county

Lectern or Podium

Local or national political campaign buttons, bumper stickers, flyers, signs, etc.

Book—Lonz of Middle Bass Island by Henry M. Barr and Michael Gora

Always looking for photos to scan

### THANK YOU

**Tep Dunham**—Production of video 2011 Tribute to Harold Boggs

**Tim Royster**—firearm- and military-related items

**Ed Vangeloff**—PC City Council items from the 1960s

**Bill & Marge Benedict**—Old Oak Harbor lantern, books

**Estate of Jan Huston**—Cochran Majorette and Preston Scout memorabilia

**Earl McDavitt**—spring bridge pince-nez-style spectacles of P.K. Tadsen in DeWitt jeweler/optometrist case

**Harold and Jeanette Fehnrich**—campaign buttons, Preston Scout House and Magruder Hospital programs

**Elsie Ward**—her mother's wedding dress from the 1920s

**Paul Moon**—Kelley family papers and early PCHS graduation booklet

**Note: We are resuming fall/winter hours this month, but will open any time by special appointment!**

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## OTTAWA COUNTY MUSEUM

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## NEWSLETTER

Fall 2011

### Greetings from the curator!

We have been having a busy, fun time in the museum. My most fun project has been setting up an exhibit on Cochran's Majorettes. I was born a too late to join them, and I always they were a bit of "fluff!" Did I learn my lesson! As Jo Fleming, one of our volunteers and one of the original majorettes says, "We were tough, not fluff!" They had to be dedicated, single-minded and hard-working, conforming to the military-style discipline imposed upon them by Paul Cochran, whom they loved. He was strict, but fair-minded, and he earned the respect of his girls. When former majorette leader Linda (Forster) Snyder came to me to donate her entire Cochran's collection and began telling me their story, I felt this would make a great exhibit to show not only the extraordinary accomplishments of these girls, but also how the citizens of the entire area, not just parents of the girls, worked together to create an unforgettable experience for themselves and the girls, as well as their audiences in 14 states and Canada.



Former Cochran's Majorettes Phyllis Simon, Linda Snyder, and Martha Stefano reminisce.

Why don't you march right down to the museum and see for yourself!

*Peggy Debien*

*P.S. Red-hat ladies will feel right in style at this exhibit—or bring your*

*favorite friends and have a great time. AND—see the article by Julie Hohman about Cochran's Majorettes on the front page of the Black Swamp Trader Gazette.*

New Area Heritage Foundation Board Member: We are all pleased that Cathy Allen, owner of Creative Option C, joined our board over the summer.

**We need you! Please renew your membership or join if you haven't done so already!**  
**Application inside. Thank you!**

**FLASH!** Exhibit on Abraham Lincoln coming to Ida Rupp Public Library soon!  
New book on Ohio Lighthouses available at the Museum for a donation of \$20!



Volunteers Meridith Beck of PC and Kay Eberth of Genoa inventory museum artifacts.

**Volunteers:**

Chuck Grindstaff, who has put in more hours than any other current volunteer, without a doubt, has compiled a history of Port Clinton City School buildings. Chuck is interested in PC buildings and is our go-to man on that subject. He has spent so much time in the museum that I have jokingly renamed the archives as "Chuck's man cave."

Don Melena recently completed a comprehensive history of Immaculate Conception Parish, using our files and combing records around the Toledo Diocese, all for the celebration of the 150th anniversary of Immaculate Conception Parish.

Dottie Douglass is one of our newest volunteers. She is like a few of the others who came in one day and never left the fold. Dottie, along with old hands Jo Fleming and Ellen Frias, "man" the museum, welcoming visitors, answering questions, even dusting and vacuuming as needed. They are ESSENTIAL to our being open.

**Inventory Underway**—It has been many years, it appears, since there was a complete inventory of our museum holdings. In fact, this is such a daunting task, I don't know how anyone ever completed one. Any inventory info that we find is either on outdated software or on index cards. So good friends Meridith Beck and Kay Eberth have volunteered to help us out of this pickle!

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**Grant Info! Good news!** By now you have noticed the poor quality of the printing on this newsletter. Our laser printer, which did a much nicer job, just became too expensive to maintain, and our old copier is about to join our museum exhibit of outdated technology. **Ottawa County Community Foundation** to the rescue! We will be acquiring a new printer/copier shortly and our next newsletter will be more readable. We also received a generous grant from the **Stensen Foundation** to help us improve our landscaping and drainage around the museum building.

**History Mystery**—Who was the Federal Employment Relief Administration man for Ottawa County? Even his grandchildren didn't know that this man kept the New Deal federal funds distributed and county men working.

**Matthews comes to Museum!**

Who ever thought we would fit a Matthews boat into our museum? With an addition to the building and a small boat (17' early fishing launch), we managed it! The boat came to us from the city of Port Clinton, which acquired it from a man in Tiffin who bought it from a marina owner and stored it suspended in his barn for many years. The boat would have had an engine in it, and Bob Reynolds and John Smothers are working on locating one. If you really want to see the boat itself, float on over to the museum!



This handsome crew built the custom trailer for our Matthews and delivered it. From left to right, the Quikstir gang: Thomas McRitchie, Scott Lay, Ryan Kyle, Park McRitchie, Steve Riley (back), Jack Flynn, and William Bennett, Bob Reynolds at Park's left.